equipped enough to take proper care of the work of the Collectors without a very experienced body like the Board of Revenue intervening."

DR. V. K. JOHN:—"May I ask, Sir, how there could be a speedier disposal with the same personnel?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Sir, the idea is that if we make a member of the Board of Revenue responsible for a certain number of districts all matters will be dealt with a little more speedily by reason of the human element of responsibility coming in."

SRI MOHAMMAD RAZA KHAN:—Sir, compared to other States where the Board of Revenue does not exist, has not our Board of Revenue done very good and satisfactory work in the course of the past 20 or 30 years?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Yes, Sir. In certain States they have no Revenue Board but have only Divisional Commissioners; certain other States have both Divisional Commissioners and a Revenue Board whilst some others have only a Revenue Board just as we have. Each arrangement has its own merit."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a complete picture of their finalized proposals with regard to the Board of Revenue?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—Yes, Sir, when it is ready, it will be placed on the table of the House."

Recruitment of Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police from the Vannar community.

* 44 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any Deputy Collectors or Deputy Superintendents of Police in Tamil districts of the Residuary Madras State belonging to the Vannar community;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) if not, why that community has not been encouraged; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any proposal to recruit persons from this community without consulting the Madras Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) No.

"(*c*) The policy of the Government in regard to Backward Classes, and Scheduled Castes including Scheduled Tribes, is to reserve a certain number of vacancies for qualified candidates from these communities, viz., 5 and 3, respectively, in

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every cycle of 20 vacancies. The Vannar community referred to in the question is one of the Backward Classes specified in Schedule III of the Services Manual. It is not possible to give preferences or reservations to a particular sub-community among these. Any attempt to do this would lead to abuses and complaints.

" (*d*) Government regret this is not possible under Article 320 (3) of the Constitution."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether there were any applicants from these Backward Classes in the recent direct recruitment for the posts of Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police and if so why they have not been preferred? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No qualified and suitable candidates from that community were available."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have the terms of the Indian Constitution for recruitment of citizens belonging to Backward Classes been communicated to the Public Service Commission for due observance by it? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Oh, yes, emphatically, and they are taking those rules into account, and are making appointments accordingly. The question raised here is to give a preference for a particular community among the Backward Classes. It is difficult to give a preference or any definite reservation to every one of the several communities that go to make up the Backward Classes."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask whether merit should not be the guiding consideration for making appointments and not communal considerations? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That principle is in the Constitution and is accepted. The question was, however, considered from several other aspects and it was finally decided when the Constitution was amended that reservation should be made in favour of the Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes including Scheduled Tribes only and that is being followed now."

SRI MOHAMMAD RAZA KHAN :—" When we hear so much from communities or particular sub-sections of communities that they are backward particularly in the matter of representation in Government services, why not the Government of Madras declare that all the people in the State of Madras are backward? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" All the people in the State of Madras taken as a whole are not backward."